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SUBJECT: UNEP GC-V LEVEL 1 OVERVIEWS

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1. USG DOES NOT INTEND SUBMIT A COORDINATED RESPONSE TO
REQUEST FOR OVERVIEWS. INFORMATION ALREADY TRANSMITTED BY
U. S. AGENCIES PROVIDES REASONABLE SAMPLING OF U. S.
ACTIVITIES.

2. FYI. WE HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS
FOR LEVEL 1 INFORMATION, REVIEWING AND SUMMARIZING EX-
TENSIVE INFORMATION AVAILABLE HERE IN THE VARIOUS BROAD
AREAS. ORIGINAL UNEP INTEREST IN LEVEL 1 WAS TO OBTAIN
DETAILED INFORMATION PARTICULARLY FROM UN AGENCIES, WHICH
WERE RELUCTANT TO PROVIDE IT, AND FROM GOVERNMENTS. US
SUPPORTED THIS OBJECTIVE AS NECESSARY FOR UNEP COORDINATING
AND INITIATING ROLE IN ENVIRONMENTAL AREA. WE CONTINUE TO
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BELIEVE UN AGENCIES SHOULD PROVIDE DETAILED INFORMATION.

WE MADE THIS POINT IN GC-IV BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT
LEVEL 1 EXERCISE WOULD BECOME TIME-CONSUMING END IN ITSELF,
RATHER THAN BE USED SIMPLY AS DATA BASE. PREVIOUS U. S.

SUBMISSIONS, WHICH TOOK SOME TIME AND EFFORT TO ASSEMBLE
AND WERE USUALLY 30 OR SO PAGES IN LENGTH, ENDED IN UNEP
REPORT AS FEW SCATTERED PARAGRAPHS. WE ALSO POINTED OUT
AT GC-IV THAT SUMMARIES FROM COUNTRIES SUCH AS THE U. S.
WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF PROJECTS AND EXTENSIVE PROGRAMS
COULD NOT BE VERY MEANINGFUL. OUR COMMENTS UNDERSTANDABLY
EVOKED NO RESPONSE FROM SECRETARIAT, PRESUMABLY BECAUSE
UNEP DOES NOT WANT TO PROPAGANDIZE THE ACQUISITION OF
NEEDED INFORMATION FROM AGENCIES AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.
IN FUTURE, WE PROBABLY WILL RESPOND TO LEVEL 1 REQUESTS VIA
INFORMATION ALREADY AVAILABLE UNLESS SUMMARIZATION CAN BE
ACCOMPLISHED READILY. KISSINGER

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